

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 7-14 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Wakazono et al. in view of Sacchi is respectfully requested. The Examiner acknowledges that Wakazono et al. does not disclose the specific limitations of the slanted side of the workpiece table, but indicates that Sacchi teaches a workpiece table that satisfies the claim limitations not satisfied by Wakazono et al. The applicants point out that claims 7 and 10 call for the lateral stand to be fixed on the vertical rotation support shaft. The prismatic body 4 of Sacchi is not fixed, or otherwise mounted, on a vertical rotation shaft. Instead, it is mounted for rotation around a horizontal axis on cross members 13 that are not on any rotation shaft. The idea of mounting the horizontally rotatable prismatic body 4 of Sacchi on a vertical rotation shaft of Wakazono et al. is not suggested by the Wakazono et al. and Sacchi references themselves and is not obvious from them. The idea of combining the references in such a manner only arises after the present invention is known. Even then, the combination is awkward. Furthermore, claims 7 and 10 call for the lateral stand to be shaped as a right angled triangle in side view, as can be seen in Figs. 1, 3 and 4. In contrast, the triangle of the prismatic body 4 of Sacchi in side view has no right angles. It is equilateral, as can be seen, for example, at the left end of Fig. 4.

In addition, independent claims 7 and 10 both recite “a work grip rotation feed mechanism portion” that rotates the work. This is not disclosed in either of the references. The Examiner identifies the cross members 13 of Sacchi as the “a work grip rotation feed mechanism portion” of the claims. However, the cross members 13 do not grip a work piece. Instead, they provide support for the prismatic member 4 to be rotated, and the workpieces are secured to the prismatic member. In order that the claims more clearly require the work

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grip rotation feed mechanism to grip the work, claims 7 and 10 have been amended to call for the work grip rotation feed mechanism portion to grip the work and rotate the work.

Moreover, the term "bar-like" has been changed to "bar-shaped" in the claims. The wood panels of Sacchi are not "bar-shaped". In this regard, the *Random House Unabridged Dictionary*, for example, defines "bar" as

"1. a relatively long, evenly shaped piece of some solid substance, as metal or wood, used as a guard or obstruction or for some mechanical purpose: *the bars of a cage.*"

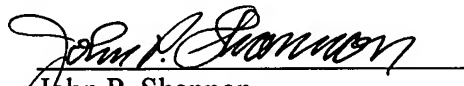
The term "bar-shaped" includes, for example, a crankshaft, but does not include a panel, for example, the panels of Sacchi.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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